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REMARKS

Prior to the initial examination of the present application, Applicant wishes to have this amendment entered. While adding no new subject matter to the application, Applicant revises the Specification to meet standard U.S. formatting requirements and converts the European style of multiple dependent claims to the U.S. format

of single dependency.

Given the above amendments to the claims and the comments herein, Applicant respectfully requests notice of allowance of all pending claims at the earliest convenience. However, should the Examiner envision further rejection or comment, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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